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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EWWT, IS, JO  
SUBJECT: GAZA AS POSSIBLE TRANS-SHIPMENT PORT FOR JORDAN

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM RELIABLE ISRAELI SOURCE THAT DISCUSSIONS HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE WITH VIEW OF CREATING FACILITIES AT GAZA FOR TRANS-SHIPMENT OF OCEAN FREIGHT TO JORDAN. SCHEME WOULD INVOLVE EXTENSION OF EXISTING BREAK-WATER (OR JETTY) AT GAZA TO PERMIT OFFLOADING OF CARGOES (BY LIGHTER) FOR TRUCK TRANSPORT TO JORDAN OVER THE ALLENBY BRIDGE. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, GOI IS PREPARED TO ASSIST THE PROJECT IN EVERY WAY, INCLUDING FINANCING. GAZA MAYOR SHAWA, FOR HIS PART, HAS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST BUT WISHES TO TAKE FURTHER SOUNDINGS. SOURCE ASSUMED THAT SHAWA WANTS ALSO TO CHECK WITH AMMAN BEFORE COMMITTING HIMSELF.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS NOT FIRST TIME THAT PROPOSALS OF THIS NATURE HAVE BEEN ADVANCED. HOWEVER, PRESENT HEAVY CONGESTION AT AQABA AND ISRAELI INTEREST IN FURTHERING "OPEN BRIDGES POLICY" COULD IMPROVE PROSPECTS THIS TIME AROUND. OFFLOADING BY LIGHTER AT GAZA IS NOW FEASIBLE  
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IN GOOD WEATHER AND IN FACT WAS DONE ON SIGNIFICANT

SCALE IN EARLY 1974 WHEN HAIFA WAS BADLY CONGESTED.  
HOWEVER, AN EXTENSION OF PRESENT BREAKWATER WILL BE  
NECESSARY TO PERMIT OFFLOADING IN ROUGH WEATHER.  
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